



Chairperson Vice-Chair

**DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners Meeting
Thursday, June 4, 2009**

The meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, June 4, 2009, at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien Street, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Jim Holley
Ronald L. Griffin
Toney Stewart **(ABS)**
Adela Rivera
Mohamed Okdie

Department Personnel Present

AC Ronald Fleming
DC James Tolbert
DC John Clark
Cmdr. Brian Stair
Cmdr. James Suchoski
Lt. Johnny Thomas
Lt. Cynthia Williams
Lt. Herbert Myles
Sgt. Benard Beck-O'Steen
Sgt. Romel Alexander
Sgt. Dwight Snodgrass
Sgt. Shirley Berger
P.O. Sophia Nelms
P.O. Dwight Featherstone

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
Celia Banks-Washington, Attorney/Supervising Inv.
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator
Lt. Lashinda Houser, Police Personnel
Lt. Daniel Allen
Leslie J. Griffin, Community Affairs Coordinator
P.O. Kent Cooper

OTHERS PRESENT

Edward Moore
Joe Melville
Ron Scott
Marc Deldin
Orilia Brown

Mary Lacy
Henry Wade III
Sheryl Emery
Bernice Smith
Marilyn Fordon

RECORDERS

Robert Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Holley called the meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:11 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- **Thursday, June 4, 2009**

MOTION: Comm. Griffin made the motion to approve the Agenda.

SECOND: Comm. Rivera seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Thursday, May 28, 2009**

MOTION: Comm. Rivera made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: Comm. Griffin seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT

1. CHAIRPERSON

2. SECRETARY'S REPORT

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

2009 - Weekly Count of Complaints:

2008 - Weekly Count of Complaints:

This Week

Year to Date



- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of **1,273** active investigations, of which **504** of those are for 2009. A total of **690** investigations have been closed since January 1, 2009.

TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS & COMMAND

Total	COMMAND	ALLEGATIONS									Total
CCR	W/E 06/04/09	Arrest	Demeanor	Force	Harassment	Entry	Procedure	Property	Search	Service	Allegations
3	12TH PRECINCT		1	1			2				4
2	1ST PRECINCT		2								2
7	COMMUNICATIONS		5							2	7
5	EASTERN		3				4				7
1	EXEC PROTECTION						1				1
2	NARCOTICS						2				2
1	NORTHEASTERN		1				1			1	3
3	NORTHWESTERN		2	1			3				6
1	SOUTHWESTERN		1							1	2
1	TACTICAL SERVICES		1				1				2
12	UNKNOWN COMMAND		6	5			7				18
38			22	7			21			4	54

Comm. Rivera asked is there one District or Precinct that shows an increase in complaints.

Exec Dir. Goss stated he will provide that information.

Comm. Griffin stated there will be quarterly reports that will identify certain issues regarding complaints and will be provided to City Council and the first one is due in mid July.

Chairperson Holley stated he would like OCI to give a presentation to this Board on their progress.

Comm. Griffin stated as a result of the flow chart regarding OCI process a cost analysis was generated that spoke to some of those issues.

5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners



Special Points of Interest:

- Next meeting:

Thursday, June 11, 2009

@ 6:30 P.M.

Northwest Church of Christ
5151 Oakman Boulevard
Detroit, Michigan 48204

"Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships"

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Northeastern District

On May 31, 2009, officers of the Northeastern District responded to the 3000 block of Kalsh on a "Home Invasion" in progress. As a result of their investigation, two subjects were arrested and charged with Felonious Assault, Felony Firearm, Felon in Possession, Armed Robbery and Home Invasion 1st Degree."



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Engaging the Community

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the District/Precinct stations in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Mini/Sub-Stations to make reports.

	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
	1300 Beaubien	24 Hours	596-5100
	2151 E. Jefferson	24 Hours	596-6400
	7737 Kercheval	*8 a.m. to 2 p.m.	628-2121
	19810 Grand River	*9 a.m. to 9 p.m.	870-0649
	13530 Lesure	8 a.m. to 11 p.m.	596-5300
	2575 S. Schaefer	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	297-9423
	20 Atwater	24 Hours	237-2850
	13206 E. Jefferson	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	821-5851
	22101 Moross (St. John Hospital)	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	343-7506
	14700 Mack	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	852-4046

* Mini-Stations– Monday –Friday

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Police / Community Intervention

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Twelfth Precinct

On May 27, 2009, while on patrol in the area of Parkside and Wildemere, officers of the Twelfth Precinct investigated a subject for a traffic violation. As a result of their investigation, the subject was arrested and charged with "Carrying a Concealed Weapon, Felon in Possession, and Possession of a Controlled Substance." A handgun was recovered.



Central District

On May 25, 2009, officers of the Central District responded to the 3000 block of Cass on a "Robbery Armed" that just happened. A subject was arrested and charged with "Robbery Not Armed, Resisting & Obstructing, and Domestic Violence."



Southwestern District

On May 30, 2009, officers of the Southwestern District responded to the 1000 block of Ferdninand on a "Hit & Run of a Child." As a result of their investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Driving While License Suspended, Failure to Stop at a Scene of an Accident While at Fault, Commission of a Felony Causing Death."



Eastern District

On May 28, 2009, officers of the Eastern District responded to the area of McNichols & Schoenner on a "Robbery Armed." As a result of their investigation, two subjects were arrested and charged with "Carjacking, Robbery Armed, and Receiving & Concealing Stolen Property Motor Vehicle."

Chairperson Holley asked AC Fleming is everyone on the same page with the definition of homicide.

AC Fleming stated yes.

Chairperson Holley asked if all homicides go to the coroner.

AC Fleming stated you are referring to the article in today's paper; the department counts all deaths as homicides unless it is determined to be something else. All cases that are determined not to be homicides will be deducted from the homicide totals.

Chairperson Holley asked why would a case that happened in 2008 not be determined until 2009.

AC Fleming stated that it is a very slow system, and the new police department is trying to get those numbers out much faster.

Chairperson Holley stated that everyone should have the same definition of what constitutes as a homicide. He stated this kind of article make this Board seems as though it isn't effective.

AC Fleming stated this Board is doing a great job, unfortunately you can't control what the media writes.

Chairperson Holley stated the media is quoting someone who has the same information as the department.

AC Fleming stated he can have DC Tolbert to come and speak to this Board regarding that issue.

Comm. Griffin stated the way to address this is to call the writer back and have 2nd DC Liggon give the department side.

Comm. Rivera stated everyone associated with the department looks stupid when the count is off by 100 dead bodies. She stated there needs to be an explanation to the citizens.

Comm. Griffin stated most of the time the media reports homicide, but there is a report that the department puts out that consists of all shootings. This information needs to be shared with the public.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. PERSONNEL APPEAL: HENRY WADE III

Exec Dir. Goss stated this has been scheduled for a closed door session.

2. PERSONNEL SUBCOMMITTEE

MOTION: **Comm. Okdie** made the motion to make a recommendation to make an offer to Gail Oxendine as the Director of Police Personnel.

SECOND: **Comm. Rivera** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Chairperson Holley stated to the audience that Ms. Oxendine has several years of Human Resources experience and a Bachelor Degree.

Comm. Griffin asked her to give an overview about herself.

**Recording was inaudible for those who were speaking at the podium.
Based on my notes this was an overview from Ms. Oxendine.**

G. Oxendine stated she is thankful for the opportunity to be considered and that she is looking to put her leadership and skills to work.

Chairperson Holley asked her will she accept the position to become the Director of Police Personnel.

G. Oxendine stated yes, she accepts.

7. NEW BUSINESS

1. GRANT: REQUEST TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE MICHIGAN ROUNDTABLE FOR DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION (FOR SOUTHWEST WEED AND SEED PROGRAM

The United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs awarded the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion a total of \$150,000 from its Weed and Seed Communities Competitive Program in Award Number 2008-WS-QX-0174. The Weed and Seed Communities Competitive Program aims to prevent, control, and reduce violent crime, criminal drug-related activity, and gang activity. The Weed and Seed strategy is a community-based, comprehensive multi-agency approach. The grant will address crime and social-related problems through the redeployment of existing public and private resources.

The Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion has allocated **\$44,300 of its funding to the Southwestern District**, with **no cash match**. The allocation is considered supplemental funding to increase patrol in the Southwestern District through overtime. If approval is granted to accept this funding, Commander Debra Fair of the Southwestern District, would serve as the project director. The grant period is 10/01/2008 to 09/30/2009. The appropriation number for this grant is 13051.

The Chief is requesting the Board's permission to accept this funding and seek approval of the Honorable Detroit City Council.

MOTION: **Comm. Okdie** made the motion to approve the Grant.

SECOND: **Comm. Rivera** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Comm. Rivera asked is this grant part of Dan Kirkvan group.

Lt. Williams spoke but the recording was inaudible for those who were speaking at the podium.

Chairperson Holley stated he is no longer part of the roundtable he now works for the governor's office.

8. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Comm. Okdie stated he would like to thank all those who participated in the search and interview process.

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Southwestern District
Northwest Church of Christ
5151 Oakman Blvd.
Detroit, MI 48204

10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

**Recording was inaudible for those who were speaking at the podium.
Based on my notes this was an overview from Ms. Lacy.**

M. Lacy asked Chairperson Holley if he received her letter because she would like to get the matter resolved.

Chairperson Holley stated he has it in his package and would review it. He asked Ms. Lacy if she could meet him at 5:30 pm on June 11, 2009 at the community meeting.

M. Lacy stated yes.

**Recording was inaudible for those who were speaking at the podium.
Based on my notes this was an overview from Mr. Moore.**

E. Moore thanked the Board and the department for a great job that they are doing.

J. Semma stated she received a letter dated June 11, 2009 from PO Roland Clark requesting that it be turned in by June 5, 2009 if she wanted to be part of the towing plan for the fireworks.

Chairperson Holley asked the Board if he could table this until after the closed session to resolve this matter.

Comm. Okide asked the Chair if he wanted to table the signing of the document or table the discussion.

Chairperson Holley stated he want to table the discussion.

Comm. Griffin stated one year ago there was a similar problem with one company doing all of the towing for the fireworks, and it wasn't addressed by the administration.

Ms. Semma was speaking and the recording was inaudible because she was at the podium.

Comm. Griffin stated if they don't get beyond this issue then he is leaving the Board. He stated the towers want a cease and desist of the letter regarding the fireworks. He stated that this Board will meet after the closed door session to rectify this situation.

Mr. Melville was speaking and the recording was inaudible because he was at the podium.

Chairperson Holley moved that the Board of Police Commissioners conduct a closed session, pursuant to MCL 15.268 (h) of the Open Meeting Act, to consider and discuss the rejected application of Henry Wade III.

MOTION: **Comm. Rivera** made the motion to enter into a closed session.

SECOND: **Comm. Griffin** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Chairperson Holley stated the motion having been approved by a majority of the Board members, a closed session will now be convened.

The Board went into a closed session at 4:01 p.m.

The Board returned from closed session at 4:41 p.m.

MOTION: **Comm. Rivera** made the motion to return from closed session.

SECOND: **Comm. Okdie** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Exec Dir. Goss stated on the appeal matter of Henry Wade III the recommendation was to deny the appeal.

MOTION: **Comm. Okdie** made the motion to accept the recommendation to deny the appeal.

SECOND: **Comm. Rivera** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted to accept the recommendation to deny the appeal.

There was a discussion regarding towing during the fireworks and towing in general. The recording was inaudible at this point.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

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